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SUBJECT: FEI I-MIN COMMENTS ON ARMY DAY ACTIVITIES

REFS: A) HONG KONG 8498; B) HONG KONG 8459

1. IN A JULY 20 CONVERSATION WITH CONGENOFFS (REFTELS), TA KUNG PAO PUBLISHER FEI I-MIN COMMENTED ON THE LIKELY HANDLING OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF CHAIRMAN MAO TO THE FOUNDING OF THE PLA BY THE LINKAGE OF THE NANCHANG UPRISING -- WHICH ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE ON AUGUST 1, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLA'S FOUNDING -- AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHINGKANGSHAN BASE AREA. (ALTHOUGH MAO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE NANCHANG UPRISING ON AUGUST 1, 1927, EARLIER MEDIA COMMENTARIES HAVE SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS MAO'S LINE WHICH INSPIRED THE LEADERS AT NANCHANG.)

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2. FEI NOTED THAT THE CHINGKANGSHAN CONSOLIDATION WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT SET THE STAGE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST POLITICAL AND MILITARY STRENGTH. WITHOUT IT, ACCORDING TO FEI, NANCHANG WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTHING. FEI EXPECTED THAT THE REGIME WOULD PUBLICIZE A POSTER DURING THE CURRENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WHICH ANNOUNCED THE SUCCESSFUL AUGUST 1 SEIZURE

OF NANCHANG BY THE WORKER AND PEASANT TROOPS. THE POSTER  
WAS SIGNED BY ALL THE NANCHANG LEADERS INCLUDING CHOU AND  
CHU TEH BUT CLEARLY DID NOT INCLUDE MAO. HOWEVER, FEI FELT  
THIS WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM MAO SINCE NANCHANG WOULD BE  
LINKED TO CHINGKANGSHAN IN OFFICIAL COMMENTARY.  
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